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DEFECTIVE TEST KITS FOR AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the equipment worth Rs. 57.64 lakh and Rs. 60.87 lakh purchased during Phase-I and II of the National Aids Control Programme are lying unutilized;

(b) whether HIV (ELISA) test kits worth Rs. 60.85 lakh and supplied to States AIDS Control Societies were found to be defective; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): During Phase I of National AIDS Control project, NACO had engaged the services of DGS&D and WHO for procurement support services. The details of uninstalled equipment worth Rs. 51.64 lakhs during phase I are:

Sl. NO.	Item	Ordered Qty.	Qty. supplied	Qty. installed
1	Water bath	299 nos.	299 nos.	154 nos.
2	Hot air oven	372 nos.	252 nos.	85 nos.
3	Incubator	299 nos.	100 nos.	10 nos.
4	Distilled water still	102 nos.	100 nos.	47 nos.

During Phase II of National AIDS Control project, NACO had engaged the services of NTPC for procurement support services. The current position of uninstalled equipment worth Rs. 60.87 lakhs during Phase II is:.

Sl. NO.	Item	Ordered Qty.	Qty. supplied	Qty. installed
1	Refrigerated water bath	42 nos.	42 nos.	42 nos.
2	Micropipettes	42 nos.	42 nos.	42 nos.
3	Laminar flow bench	42 nos.	42 nos.	33 nos.
4	Deep freezers (-80OC)	42 nos.	42 nos.	38 nos.
5	Deep freezers (-40OC)	42 nos.	42 nos.	38 nos.

(b): HIV (ELISA) test kits supplied to some AIDS Control Societies were reported defective. Therefore, NTPC, who were the procurement support agent for NACO arranged replacement to an extent of 232 defective kits from the supplier. Matter being disputed by the supplier, it is under legal examination. NACO would take appropriate action against the defaulting supplier in consultation with legal experts.

(c): 1) Regarding supplies through DGS&D during Phase I, since the delivery / installation were not completed, NACO instructed DGS&D to take suitable action as per the provisions of the contracts against the supplier including termination of contracts and

blacklisting of the supplier.

2) DGS&D has confirmed that for the failure to fulfill contractual obligations, they have encashed Performance Bank Guarantees submitted by the supplier towards all four contracts worth Rs. 11,66,374=60. Further action against the defaulting supplier would be taken by NACO at their level in consultation with legal experts.

3) For equipment procured through NTPC during Phase II, position is:

a) Laminar Flow bench: Only 9 nos. are not installed due to non-readiness of the sites. They are being installed as soon as sites are ready.

b) Deep freezers (-80OC & -40OC): Only 4 nos. each are not installed. Action is initiated to get them installed through another company as the contract on the supplier has been terminated on account of non-conformance to the technical specifications. The bank guarantees have been encashed. ..